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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: ) Examiner: Kevin R. Kruer  
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**REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the first Official Office Action, mailed March 29, 2005 following the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed by applicants.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-6, 8, 10, 11, 15-18 and 20-25 were present as elected claims in the application. Of those elected claims, claim 1 and 15 were independent claims. Claims 12-14 which were also in the application were non-elected pursuant to an earlier restriction requirement and were withdrawn from consideration.

In that Office Action, all prior grounds of rejection were withdrawn and new grounds of